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Nunes Introduces American-Made Energy Freedom Act

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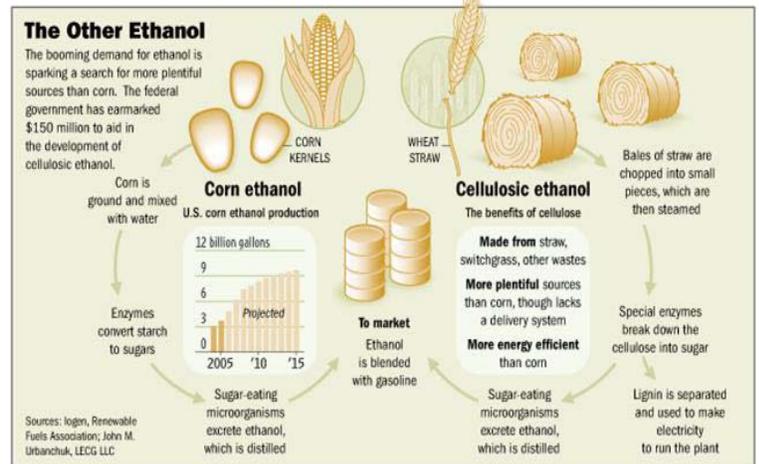
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As the House of Representatives entered its August District Work Period, the Halls of Congress echoed with the words: "We need more energy and we need it now." In the past, attempts to address our nation's energy security looked at renewables and alternatives – only to see crude oil dumped onto the international market driving down the price per barrel of oil. In these instances, basic economics took over and the cheaper energy source succeeded. Because of this, crude oil has been the fuel of choice for more than a century. This economic addiction to cheap energy has led to the crisis we are now experiencing.

Today, the United States imports 65% of its petroleum needs, and the Energy Information Administration (EIA) projects that by 2025 we will import 71%. While this is a shaky situation, it is exacerbated by the fact that two-thirds of the world's known oil reserves are located in the volatile Middle East. This instability, as well as production slow downs in Nigeria and Venezuela, and a virtual halt to energy exploration in the United States have resulted in the price of oil reaching an all-time high. With this in mind, it is not a surprise that year after year



Cellulosic ethanol is the next generation ethanol and H.R. 5890 helps foster the development and production of this clean American-Made fuel.

Americans pay higher and higher prices for energy – whether at the pumps or in home energy bills. This situation stifles economic development, puts the nation's security at risk, and places an unnecessary burden on the family budget. Americans need to come to grips with the onerous policies of the past that are strangling them now; this is an American-Made problem that requires an American-Made solution.

Unfortunately, Congress has tried time and again to enact solutions to expand our energy resources only to be thwarted by a vocal minority. The opposition's only

solution is social engineering by mandating that the American people change their lifestyle. This has not worked in the past and will not work today. In response, 12 Republicans and 9 Democrats joined Congressman Nunes in introducing H.R. 5890, the American-Made Energy Freedom Act. This bipartisan bill would provide short-term relief while funding a long-term solution for energy freedom. It would accomplish this by opening just 2,000 acres of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) to exploration and investing the federal share of the lease and royalty revenue into an energy trust fund.

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